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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1952

Town Clerk

DOROTHY P. DAY	Term expires 1955
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Selectmen

WALTER E. COLE	Term expires 1953
HENRY. W. STONE, JR.	Term expires 1954
JOHN P. O'DONNELL	Term expires 1955

Assessors

W. FRANCIS BRENNAN	Term expires 1953
CHESTER M. ROOD	Term expires 1954
LUDWICK SZCZUKA	Term expires 1955

Board of Public Welfare

WALTER G. CHAPMAN	Term expires 1953
DONALD C. AGAR	Term expires 1954
MARGUERITE M. TROY	Term expires 1955

School Committee

LEONE B. DANIELS	Term expires 1953
WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD	Term expires 1954
MARY H. PARSONS	Term expires 1955

Library Trustees

WINIFRED B. LANE	Term expires 1953
JOHN P. DAY	Term expires 1954
PHILIP B. BURGESS	Term expires 1955

Cemetery Committee

WALTER S. WOOD	Term expires 1953
ARTHUR WEBB	Term expires 1954
MINNIE F. WHITE	Term expires 1955

TOWN OF OAKHAM

ONE YEAR TERMS

Moderator

LEROY C. SPINNEY

Tax Collector

WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Treasurer

WALTER G. CHAPMAN

Auditor

ARTHUR WEBB

Assistant Auditor

MARY R. ARMS - Beginning Dec. 2, 1952

Tree Warden

CHARLES T. CASAULT

Fence Viewers

ALFRED B. MORSE

ELMER V. NEWTON

ARTHUR WEBB

Constables

DONALD C. AGAR

JOSEPH R. GALLANT

STEPHEN L. BARR

LEONARD A. HARDY

WALTER E. COLE

GEORGE H. PARKMAN

Measurers of Wood and Bark

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

Measurers of Lumber

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

Field Drivers

J. FRED ALLEN

JEROME MURPHY

FREDERICK G. STONE

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

Inspector of Animals

ELMER V. NEWTON

Inspector of Slaughtering

ELMER V. NEWTON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FREDERICK G. STONE

Fire Warden

LEONARD A. HARDY

Moth Superintendent

ELMER V. NEWTON

Burial Agent

ARTHUR WEBB

Janitor of Memorial Hall

WINTHROP H. BOYD

Dog Officer

WACLAW S. SMICHINSKI

Chief of Police

DONALD C. AGAR

Veterans' Agent

WALTER E. COLE

Superintendent of Streets

RONALD W. WILKINS

Wire Inspector

RALPH L. DOWNER

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Civilian Defense Director

JAMES B. PARSONS

Superintendent of Schools

WILLIAM H. BUKER

List of Jurors

W. FRANCIS BRENNAN, Farmer

WALTER E. COLE, Factory Worker

PHILIP E. DWELLY, Lumber Yard Employee

JACK E. NARROW, Factory Worker

LEROY C. SPINNEY, Electrician

WILLIAM N. WAREING, Carpenter

LESLIE C. ARMS, Contractor

Report of the TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS OF 1952

BIRTHS

January

- 1—Jennifer Eve Narrow, daughter of Jack E. and Frances S. (Wade) Narrow.
- 24—James Francis Mucha, son of Francis and Mary R. (White) Mucha.

April

- 23—Debra Anna Walker, daughter of Alfred S. and Dorothy A. (Phelan) Walker, Jr.

May

- 10—Loretta Ella Young, daughter of Edward J. and Jeanette (Grise) Young.
- 13—Deborah Lee Perry, daughter of Herbert B. and Karyl M. (Shaw) Perry, Jr.
- 15—Sheila Beth Muir, daughter of William J. and Betty R. (Cole) Muir.

July

- 15—Ann Louise Cole, daughter of Walter E. and Evelyn L. (Carlson) Cole.
- 20—David Francis Anderson, son of Herbert F. and Julia A. (Budreau) Anderson.

September

- 18—Richard Joseph Jamara, son of Stanley and Marie E. (Archambault) Jamara.

October

- 6—Dennis Wayne Casault, son of Charles T. and Mabel E. (Tucker) Casault.
- 9—Geraldine Helen Fitzpatrick, daughter of Charles J. and Elsie M. (Gagnon) Fitzpatrick.

November

19—Michael Kevin Russ, son of Valentine F. and Catherine M. (Fairlie) Russ.

19—Ellen Dorothy Edwards, daughter of George L. and Hannah S. (Horstman) Edwards.

MARRIAGES

February

23—George L. Edwards, Oakham, and Hannah S. Horstman, Holden.

April

26—William M. Morse, Jr., Oakham and Lunette A. Hale, North Brookfield.

26—Robert A. Lindquist, Worcester and Millicent R. Crawford, Oakham.

June

1—Alfred B. Morse, Oakham, and Ethel A. Hale, North Brookfield.

October

11—Paul J. Murphy, Oakham, and Gladys C. Hagan, Amherst.

December

31—William L. Parsons, Oakham and Hazel R. Parker, Brookfield.

DEATHS

January	Y	M	D
3—Henry W. Stone	71	7	19
4—Eugene Corrow	25	5	13
26—Gladys C. Goodwin	54	2	11
February			
9—George H. Lackey	66	5	2
March			
29—Walter B. Green	72	10	1
May			
4—John A. Anderson	67	10	3
4—James Stewart	71	10	17
7—Laura A. Carbonneau	64	7	6

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June

2—Lena R. Adams	82	0	6
2—William E. White	66	1	30

July

10—William G. Mann	72	11	23
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August

31—Antonia Lupa	75	2	2
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October

18—Eldridge I. LaCount	73	2	26
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November

18—Clara A. Lincoln	76	9	15
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NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN TOWN

Date of Death	Y	M	D
February			
28—Fabius W. Beckwith, Boston	65	5	28
April			
20—Carl M. Wheeler, Barre	80	0	0
July			
19—Delia V. Loring, Leominster	69		
November			
5—William E. Swindell, Orlando, Florida	81		

REMOVAL

From Spencer and interment in South Cemetery,
Isadore Snay, who died June 9, 1923

DOG LICENSES

76 Males @ \$2.00	\$ 152 00
17 Females @ \$5.00	85 00
28 Spays @ \$2.00	56 00
121 dogs licensed, 1 transferred	\$ 293 00
Fees retained - 20c each	24 20
Net Return	268 80

SPORTING LICENSES

39 Fishing @ \$3.25	\$ 126 75
20 Hunting @ \$3.25	65 00
22 Sporting @ \$5.25	115 50

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2 Minors' Fishing @ \$1.25	2 50
17 Women's Fishing @ \$2.25	38 25
3 Trapping @ \$5.25	15 75
2 Duplicate @ \$.50	1 00
1 Non-Resident Military Sporting @ \$2.00	2 00
11 Sporting and Trapping (over 70 yrs.)	Free
3 Military Sporting - Free	
120 licenses issued	\$ 366 75
Fees retained - 25c except duplicate & free	\$ 26 00
Net Return	\$ 340 75

DOROTHY P. DAY,

Town Clerk

Report of CHARLTON HOME FARM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

Land and Buildings	\$14,000 00
Deposit in Savings Banks	12,496 55
3 U. S. Bonds	2,600 00
Personal Property	3,733 52
Amount Receivable from Towns	899 15
Cash checking account	25 13
	\$33,754 35

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 535 65
Income from Farm	700 36
Withdrawn from Savings Banks	1,899 30
Received from Towns and Boards	22,065 15
	\$25,200 46

EXPENDITURES

Bills Paid	\$25,175 33
Cash in checking account	25 13
	\$25,200 46
Number of Boards	34
Lester P. Gates, Secretary and Treasurers	

ROBERT F. TUCKER, President

LESTER P. GATES,
Secretary and Treasurer

CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

Report of PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The year 1952 has been a momentous one for the local boards of Public Welfare throughout the Commonwealth.

Chapter No. 801 of the Acts of 1951 making it mandatory to place a lien on all real estate holdings of the recipients of Old Age assistance, went into effect on January 1st, 1952. This made it necessary to search registry titles to ascertain just what real estate was involved, the preparing of the necessary liens and the recording of same in the proper department of the registry of deeds. It was found that we had twelve recipients on our case load of Old Age Assistance to whom this law applied. Notices, as required by law, were given each recipient. Five accepted the filing of the liens, while seven refused to have liens placed against their property which automatically removed them from the roll of recipients of Old Age Assistance benefits. These cases can all be reopened should the terms of the law be accepted, or, as is expected the law will be repealed by legislative action.

Chapter No. 741 of the Acts of 1951 was passed as an emergency law. Was accepted as such by the Governor of the Commonwealth and placed in actual operation on Nov. 1st, 1951. This act known as the Disability Assistance law under the categories of assistance covers any one, male or female, aged eighteen years, or over, who, owing to a physical condition of such a nature as to render the applicant unable to carry on in a normal way of life and which must be certified to by a reputable physician, wishes to apply for assistance. No proof of citizenship, nor settlement history is required. State and Federal participation in the financing of this new category of assistance is practically the same as now applying to Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children categories, providing of course that the Towns involved appropriate a sufficient sum of money to carry on the program as out-lined in the law. From November 1st to December 31st, 1951, we were allowed by law to render assistance under this act and charge the same to our General Relief fund with the understanding that at the first town meeting held after this date (January 1st, 1952) the Town would raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry on the program for the ensuing year. This the voters of our Town

refused to do, making it mandatory on the Treasurer of the Town to apply to the Director of Accounts of the Commonwealth for instructions as to future procedure in the paying of claims on this category. We were eventually granted the privilege of charging all expenditures in this category of assistance to the General Relief Fund for the year 1952. This fund being financed entirely by the Town the matter of reimbursements from both Federal and State funds was left in abeyance. We are, however, of the opinion that some assistance from both sources will be forthcoming.

Chapter No. 793 of the Acts of 1950 made it mandatory for every local Board of Public Welfare, who had not already complied with the law, to employ a Social, or Welfare Worker duly qualified under Chap. No. 31, Section No. 47 of the general laws (Civil Service) before July 1st, 1952. Also that a suitable office, approved by the State Department of Public Welfare, must be established. A Welfare worker was duly qualified and employed, but no office could be provided. In October the Federal and State Representatives of the Department of Public Welfare set a dead line for the establishment and equipping of a suitable office, this dead line being December 1st, 1952. After a thorough investigation and consideration of quarters available was made by the State Representative for an office of this kind the State approved the establishment of the office as now located. The rent allowance was approved and the probable cost of fitting up the same was considered and approved. While the office is not as yet up to the standard set up by the State it was suitable for use on December 1st, 1952 and will be completed as fast as the necessary equipment can be obtained. The penalty for not complying with this request would have been the loss of all Federal and State grants and a perusal of the following report of the local board will show that this would have seriously inconvenienced the Town from a financial point of view.

The program of procedure as outlined by the State authorities for the coming year will entail the reinvestigation of all case histories, the revamping of budget allowances, a direct personal supervision by the Welfare Worker over the various recipients of assistance, and a further attempt at rehabilitation when necessary. Especial attention will be given to the medical needs of the recipients and some time in the future the department hopes to have the services of a capable nurse which is badly needed in our community.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$ 3,000 00	
Federal Grants received	1,581 95	
State reimbursement received	1,215 03	
Balance due from the state	285 31	
Refunds	90 70	
Paid Recipients (Selectmen's Warrants)		\$ 3,222 24
Paid Recipients (No warrants)		181 40
Balance in Federal Grant account		251 24
State reimbursement to Estimated Receipts		1,500 34
Balance returned to Revenue Acct.		1,017 77
	\$ 6,172 99	\$ 6,172 99
SUMMARY - Paid from Town Funds	\$ 3,403 64	
Total reimbursements	3,082 29	
Cost to the Town	\$ 321 35	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$ 5,000 00	
Transferred from E. & D. Acct.	3,000 00	
Federal Grants Received	6,024 45	
State Reimbursement	5,447 22	
Cities & Town received	223 01	
Recipient refunds	298 05	
Old Age Meal Tax	378 91	
Due from Cities and Towns	242 85	
Paid Recipients (Selectmen's Warrants)		\$ 12,676 96
Paid Recipients (No warrants)		1,022 30
Balance in Federal Grant Acct.		227 85
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts		6,469 95
Balance returned to Revenue Acct.		217 39
	\$ 20,614 45	\$ 20,614 45
SUMMARY — Paid from Town funds	\$ 13,699 26	
Total reimbursements	12,371 64	

Cost to the Town \$ 1,327 62

GENERAL RELIEF

Apropriations \$ 3,000 00

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Federal Grants D. A. Acct.	350 00	
State reimbursements	160 00	
Paid D. A. Recipients		\$ 1,296 67
Paid General Relief cases		741 72
Balance in Federal D. A. Grant Acct.		103 30
State reimbursements to Esti/Rec.		160 00
Balance returned to Revenue		1,208 31
	\$ 3,510 00	\$ 3,510 00
SUMMARY--Paid from Town Funds	\$ 2,038 39	
Total reimbursements	510 00	
Cost to the Town	\$ 1,528 39	
OAA - ADC - DA Administration Acct.		
Balance of Account as of		
January 1st, 1952	\$ 2,000 00	
Paid on Warrants		
Expense of Agent on liens, etc.	\$	62 10
Salary of Agent		250 00
Salary of Welfare Worker		192 40
Expense of Welfare Worker		31 85
Office Supplies		18 23
Office Equipment		303 37
Labor & Material Office		50 24
Heat, Lights and Telephone		52 27
Boards expenses to N. E. Ass'n		25 84
D. A. Examinations (Dr. Aspen)		10 00
D A. Examinations (Dr. McCarthy)		25 74
Balance forward		977 96
	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD AGAR, Chairman

MARGUERITE TROY

W. G. CHAPMAN, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

Report of FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Receipts:

Town appropriation	\$ 400 00	
Dog tax refund	227 84	
From invested funds	725 00	
		\$ 1,352 84

Expenditures:

Librarian	\$ 205 00	
Janitor	150 00	
Worcester County Electric Light Co.	12 40	
Supplies	84 46	
Books and magazines	140 76	
Painting	655 00	
Repairs	63 21	
Book rebinding	2 50	
Fuel	11 00	
Printing	6 12	
Miscellaneous	15 05	
	\$ 1,345 50	
Balance to Revenue	7 34	
	\$ 1,352 84	
		\$ 1,352 84

JOHN P. DAY

WINIFRED LANE

PHILIP B. BURGESS

Trustees

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1952

1949—Outstanding January 1st, 1952		\$	13 06
Assessors' Abatements	\$	12 76	
Auditors Adjustment		30	
			\$ 13 06
1949—Outstanding January 1st, 1952		\$	249 97
Assessors' Abatements	\$	242 34	
Paid to Treasurer		1 53	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1952		6 10	
			\$ 249 97
1950—Outstanding January 1st, 1952	\$	902 89	
Auditors Adjustment		30	
Refund on tax after payment		1 70	
			\$ 904 89
Paid to Treasurer	\$	458 32	
Outstanding December 31st, 1952		446 57	
			\$ 904 89
1951—Outstanding January 1st, 1952	\$	7,776 87	
Auditors adjustment		10	
			\$ 7,776 97
Paid to Treasurer	\$	5,540 19	
Outstanding December 31st, 1952		2,236 78	
			\$ 7,776 97
1952—Poll Tax Commitments	\$	312 00	
Personal Property Tax		10,971 94	
Real Estate Tax		22,002 08	
Refunds on Tax after payment		285 60	
			\$33,571 62
Paid to Treasurer	\$	26,804 76	
Assessors' Abatements		710 90	
Outstanding December 31st, 1952		6,055 96	
			\$33,571 62

Motor Vehicle Excise

1951—Outstanding January 1st, 1952	\$	602 45	
January commitments		205 70	
			\$ 808 15

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Paid to Treasurer	\$ 630 44	
Assessors' Abatements	177 71	
		\$ 808 15
1952—Commitments	\$ 3,885 53	
Refunds on Tax after payment	73 75	
		\$ 3,959 28
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 3,311 23	
Assessors' Abatements	57 53	
Outstanding December 31st, 1952	590 52	
		\$ 3,959 28

Interest and Costs

Collected	\$ 122 96	\$ 122 96
Paid to Treasurer	122 96	122 96

Summary

Collected on all taxes	\$32,804 80	
Collected Motor Vehicle Excise	3,941 67	
Collected Interests and Costs	122 96	
		\$36,869 43
Paid to Treasurer	\$36,869 43	\$36,869 43

Outstanding

December 31st, 1952		
Taxes	\$ 8,745 41	
Motor Vehicle Excise	590 52	
		\$ 9,335 93

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. CHAPMAN, Tax Collector

Report of TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1st, 1952	\$ 38,283 42	
Received from all Sources (See Detail)	108,119 61	
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants		\$ 95,551 36
Accounts paid without Warrants		1,231 95
Cash on hand December 31st, 1952		49,619 72
	\$146,403 03	\$146,403 03

TRUST FUNDS

Balance January 1st, 1952	\$ 29,904 43	
Interest accrued and paid	1,074 43	
Alden Fund Adjustment for value	807 24	
Alden Fund Stock Dividend (5 shares)	199 65	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (2)	200 00	
Withdrawals from Cemetery Funds		\$ 150 00
Withdrawals from Library Funds		725 00
Auditors Adjustment on Cemetery Funds		11 05
Balance December 31st, 1952		31,299 70
	\$ 32,185 75	\$ 32,185 75

SUMMARY OF TOWN TREASURERS RECEIPTS

Cash - on hand January 1st, 1952	\$ 38,283 42	
Alden Fund Income	386 92	
		\$ 38,670 34
Banks - Loans and premiums		10,038 61
Cemeteries		
Annual Care of Graves and lots	\$ 51 55	
Sale of Lots	45 00	
Perpetual Care Funds	200 00	
		\$ 296 55
County Treasurer		
Dog Tax Refund (Library)	\$ 227 84	
Court Fines	8 00	
Wild Cat Bounties	10 00	
Aid to Highways	4,299 76	
		\$ 4,545 60
Fire Department		
Fees	\$ 27 50	
Refunds	5 59	
		\$ 33 09
Highways Department		
Machinery Rental Acct.	\$ 2,326 35	
Sale of Equipment	22 00	
Refunds	174 59	
		\$ 2,522 94
Library		
Fines	\$ 24 70	
Refunds	2 25	
		\$ 26 95
School Lunch Program		
From Sale of Milk	\$ 351 76	
		\$ 351 76
Schools		
Refunds	\$ 104 64	
School Repair Acc. Refund	27 68	
		\$ 132 32

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Sealer of Weights & Measures

Fees	7 75	
		\$ 7 75

Selectmen

Refund	\$ 2 24	
Fees	3 00	
Sale of Furniture	1 00	
		\$ 6 24

State Treasurer

Old Age Assistance		
Fed. Grs. Aid	\$ 5,743 76	
Old Age Assistance		
Fed. Grs. Adm.	30 78	
Aid to Dep. Children		
Fed. Grs. Aid	1,440 00	
Aid to Dep. Children		
Fed. Grs. Adm.	3 50	
Disability Assistance Grs. Aid.	350 00	
Disability Assist. Fed. Grs. Adm.	4 20	
Old Age Asst. States & Towns	4,944 16	
Aid to Dep. Children, State	1,215 03	
Disability Asst. State	162 10	
Old Age Asst. Meal Tax	378 91	
Live Stock Control	17 50	
State Licenses	3 00	
Aid to Highways	11,728 77	
Income Tax	7,608 56	
Corporation Tax	2,181 34	
Lieu of Taxes	4,187 17	
School Supt. Salary	280 83	
High School Transportation	6,936 77	
Vocational Training	444 47	
Schools, Chapter No. 70	239 99	
School Lunch Program, Fed. Gr.	74 38	
		\$ 47,975 22

Taxes

Tax Collector	\$36,869 43	
Tax Titles	744 50	
		\$ 37,613 93

Town Clerk

Dog Tax	\$ 268 80	
		\$ 268 80

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Town Hall
Rent

\$	5	00	
			\$ 5 00

Trust Funds

Library
Cemeteries

\$	725	00	
	150	00	
			\$ 875 00

Withheld Items

Federal Withholding Taxes
County Retirement Fund

\$	2,287	76	
	356	42	
			\$ 2,644 18

Welfare Department

Old Age Asst. Refunds
Aid to Dep. Chil. Refunds

\$	298	05	
	90	70	
			\$ 388 75

\$ 146,403 03

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$95,551	36
Paid Accounts (No Warrants)	1,231	95
Cash on hand December 31st, 1952	49,619	72

\$ 146,403 03

BALANCE SHEET GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash		Temporary Loan - in anticipation of reimbursement	\$ 10,000 00
General Accounts Receivable		State & County Assessments 1952	
Taxes		State Parks & Res.	\$ 70 52
Levy of 1949		State Audit of Accounts	248 38
Real Estate	6 10	County Tax	1,650 04
Levy of 1950			1,968 94
Personal Property	122 02	Employees' Payroll Deductions	
Real Estate	497 70	Federal Taxes	63 22
Levy of 1951		County Retirement System	39 96
Poll	10 00		103 18
Personal Property	746 72	Overpayment to Treas. — to be refunded	
Real Estate	2,358 03	Poll Taxes - 1950	1 70
Levy of 1952		Agency	
Poll	68 00	County - Dog Licenses	169 80
Personal Property	9,811 98	Excess - Sale of lands	469 95
Real Estate	17,996 88	of low value	
			639 75
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		Mary Lincoln Alden	
Excise		Fund Income	
Levy of 1951	18 80	Federal Grants	3,041 80
Levy of 1952	1,638 67	Aid to Dep. Child Admin.	15 13

BALANCE SHEET GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Tax Possessions	63 90	Aid	19 03
Departmental		Old Age Assistance Admin.	9 51
Aid to Dep. Children	241 71		
Old Age Assistance	1,400 73	School Lunch Program	43 67
Cemetery	30 00	Appropriation Balances:	53 19
		Revenue	
	\$ 1,672 44	Non Revenue - School	35,414 94
Aid to Highways		House Addition	457 67
State	18,044 00		
County	4,400 00	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	35,890 61
		Receipts reserved for	115 00
Estimated Receipts - to	22,444 00	appropriations	
be collected	9 885 73	Road Machinery Rental	2,484 43
Underestimated 1952		Reserve Fund —	
County Hospital Asses.	130 86	Overlay Surplus	2,743 55
Overdrawn Accounts (Due)		Overlays Reserved for abatements	
Library	384 12	Levy of 1949	6 10
Cemetery	105 11	Levy of 1950	619 72
		Levy of 1951	803 27
		Levy of 1952	1,628 82
			3,057 91
		Revenue Reserved until collected	
		Motor Vehicle & Trailer	
		Excise	1,657 47
		Tax Possessions	63 90

Departmental	1,672 44	
Aid to Highways	12,444 00	15,837 81
Surplus Revenue		
Current Year	192 24	
Prior Years	31,305 84	31,498 08
		<u>\$107,479 62</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Dept Limit	\$ 14,500 00	
Outside Debt Limit	11,000 00	
Serial Loans		
Inside Debt Limit		
Municipal Building		
Remodeling Loan		
1950	\$10,000 00	
Municipal Building		
Remodeling Loan		
1951	4,500 00	
		<u>\$ 14,500 00</u>
Outside Debt Limit:		
School Building Loan		
Acts of 1950		11,000 00
		<u>\$ 25,500 00</u>

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31st, 1952

Town of Oakham — General Accounts

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash - Banks -		Highway Loan	\$10,000 00
Petty Cash	\$46,434 26	Overestimated 1952	
Alden Fund	3,185 46	County Tax	133 73
		Agency	
Accounts Receivable		Co. Dog License	\$ 3 60
Taxes Levy 1949		Excess sale of land	469 95
Real Estate	6 10		473 55
Taxes Levy 1950			3,185 46
Real Estate	446 57	Mary Alden Fund (Income)	
Taxes Levy 1951		Federal Grants	18 63
Poll Tax	6 00	A.D.C. Admin.	251 24
Personal Property	578 52	A.D.C. Aid	40 29
Real Estate	1,659 89	O.A.A. Admin.	227 85
Taxes Levy 1952		O.A.A. Aid	4 20
Poll Tax	36 00	D.A. Admin.	103 30
Per. Property	983 54		645 51
Real Estate	5,036 42		84 74
			135 00
Motor Vehicle Excise		School Lunch Fund	
Levy of 1952		Sale of Cemetery Lots	
Tax Possessions		Appropriation Bal.	6,545 09
Departmental		Revenue	1,452 27
Aid to Dep. Child.	285 31	Non Revenue	
			7,997 36
		Road Mch. Rental	2,486 14

BALANCE SHEET — (Continued)

Old Age Assistance	242 85	Overlay Surplus	2,916 70
		Overlays - Abatements	
Aid to Highways		1949	6 10
State	18,044 00	1950	446 57
County	4,400 00	1951	803 27
		1952	1,083 12
Underestimated 1952			2,339 06
State Parks & Re.	5 22	Reserved for Collection	
State Audit	24 89	Motor Vehicle Ex.	590 52
Co. T. T. Hospital	130 86	Tax Possessions	63 90
		Departmental	528 16
		Aid to Highways	12,444 00
			13,626 58
		Surplus Revenue	
		to 1-1-52	31,305 84
		Fiscal year 1952	6,830 64
			38,136 48
			<u>\$82,160 31</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans	
Inside Debt Limit	\$13,000 00	Inside Debt Limit:	
Outside Debt Limit	9,500 00	Municipal Building	
		Remodeling Loan - 1950	9,000 00

BALANCE SHEET — (Continued)

Municipal Building	
Remodeling Loan - 1951	4,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:	
School Building Loan	9,500 00
Acts of 1950	
	\$22,500 00

TRUST and INVESTMENT
Trust and Investment Funds,
Cash and Securities

FUND — December 31st, 1952	
Mary Lincoln Alden Charity Fund	\$ 7,626 63
Library Funds	
Alfred Parks Wright Fund	653 54
Fobes Memorial Fund	4,847 23
B. P. Clark Fund	2,054 03
J. H. O. Lovell Fund	344 98
Samuel R. Dean Fund	1,948 53
Ethel Branman Fund	110 73
Henry Wright Park Fund	9,959 04
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	314 69
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	12,169 76
	1,229 58
	\$31,299 70

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. CHAPMAN, Treasurer

Report of the CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Town Appropriation for 1952	\$ 400 00
Received from perpetual care Trust Funds	150 00

Expenditures

L. A. Hardy for labor	\$ 434 35	
R. A .Hardy for labor	28 35	
Edward H. Kennan for labor	2 30	
Sharpening lawn mower	11 00	
R. T. Quigley, Tools and Paint	46 36	
Arthur Webb, Administrative expense	23 42	
Balance to Revenue	4 22	
	\$ 550 00	\$ 550 00
Received for annual care of lots		\$ 51 55
Paid same to Treasurer	\$ 51 55	
	\$ 51 55	\$ 51 55

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR WEBB, Secretary

Report of
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Town Appropriation		\$	200 00
Expended for Labor	\$	189 20	
Expended for Material		4 00	
Total			193 20
Balance		\$	6 80

Dutch Elm Conrtol

Town Appropriation		\$	150 00
Expended on Labor			33 00
Balance		\$	117 00

Three Elm Trees with Dutch Elm disease located on MDC land were removed and destroyed by the MDC crew.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER V. NEWTON,

Moth Superintendent

Report of
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Appropriation - Town Officers Salaries \$ 1,610 00

Town Clerk

Paid

Dorothy P. Day \$ 125 00

Selectmen

Paid

John P. O'Donnell, Chairman \$ 100 00

Walter E. Cole 75 00

Henry W. Stone, Jr. 75 00

Assessors

Paid

Chester M. Rood, Chairman \$ 100 00

W. Francis Brennan 75 00

Ludwic Szczuka 75 00

Josephine F. Stone, Clerk 50 00

Board of Public Welfare

Paid

Donald C. Agar, Chairman \$ 15 00

Marguerite M. Troy 15 00

W. G. Chapman, Clerk 25 00

Treasurer

Paid

Walter G. Chapman \$ 400 00

Tax Collector

Paid

Walter G. Chapman \$ 350 00

School Committee

Paid

Mary H. Parsons, Chairman \$ 10 00

Leone B. Daniels, Clerk 25 00

Willard C. Rutherford 10 00

Auditor

Paid

Arthur Webb	\$ 75 00	
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Moderator

Paid

Leroy C. Spinney	\$ 10 00	
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\$ 1,610 00	\$ 1,610 00
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Inspection of Animals

Appropriation	\$ 35 00
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Paid

Elmer V. Newton	\$ 35 00
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Inspection of Slaughtering

Appropriation	\$ 25 00
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Paid

Elmer V. Newton	\$ 25 00
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Inspection of Wires

Appropriation	\$ 50 00
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Paid

Ralph L. Downer	\$ 25 00
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Balance to Revenue	25 00
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\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00
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Dutch Elm Disease

Appropriation	\$ 150 00
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Paid

Elmer V. Newton	\$ 19 20
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J. F. Allen	13 80
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Balance to Revenue	117 00
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\$ 150 00	\$ 150 00
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Moth Suppression

Appropriation	\$ 200 00
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Paid

Ross Bros. Co. - Material	4 00
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Labor - 176 hours	189 20		
Balance to Revenue	6 80		
	\$ 200 00	\$	200 00

Spraying of Poison Ivy - School Grounds

Appropriation		\$	50 00
Paid			
Borg & Company	\$ 50 00		

Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$	25 00
Balance to Revenue	\$ 25 00		

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Appropriation		\$	10 00
Paid			
Frederick G. Stone	\$ 10 00		

Dog Officer

Appropriation		\$	25 00
Paid			
Waclaw S. Smichinski	\$ 25 00		

Police Department

Appropriation		\$	50 00
Transferred from Selectmen's Reserve Fund			36 00
Paid			
Donald C. Agar, Chief for Services	86 00		
	\$ 86 00	\$	86 00

Elections and Registration

Appropriation		\$	225 00
Paid			
Dorothy P. Day			
Registering Voters	\$ 24 00		
Recording Vital Statistics	12 00		
Paid			
Mrs. John Robinson - Census	35 00		

Paid

Ballot Clerks and Tellers:

Anne M. Dwelly	9 00
Marguerite Troy	26 50
Yvonne S. Barr	25 50
Annie C. Robinson	25 50
Lila C. Wilbur	17 50

Paid

Donald C. Agar, Constable	36 50
Balance to Revenue	13 50

\$	225 00	\$	225 00
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Surety Bonds

Appropriation	\$	100 00
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Paid

Robert Dea for Treas. & Collector	\$	71 25
Healy Bros. for Town Clerk		5 00
Balance to Revenue		23 75

\$	100 00	\$	100 00
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Town Officers' Supplies

Appropriation	\$	500 00
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Paid

For Tax Collector & Treasurer	\$	252 82
For Town Clerk		20 35
For Assessors		155 84
For Selectmen		24 87
Balance to Revenue		46 12

\$	500 00	\$	500 00
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Printing

Appropriation	\$	800 00
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Paid

For Selectmen		
Town Reports	\$	468 70
Public Warrants		7 50
Warrant Sheets		22 29
For Treasurer & Collector		27 80
For Town Clerk		
Ballots, Voting Lists, By-Laws		54 95
Balance to Revenue		218 76

\$	800 00	\$	800 00
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Miscellaneous

Appropriation		\$	150 00
Transferred from Selectmen's Reserve Fund			26 54
Available from Tax Title Fund			20 00
Paid			
For Registering Deeds	\$	3 00	
Dues for Town Officers Ass'n		29 00	
Recording Tax Titles		20 00	
Recording Town Note		2 00	
Fence-Viewing		3 00	
Advertising		1 91	
Funeral Flowers for Clara Lincoln		20 00	
Ralph W. Igoe, Town Counsel		50 00	
Selectmen's Box Rent		1 80	
Telephone — No. 15 and Departmental outside calls		57 75	
Balance to Revenue		8 08	
	\$	196 54	\$ 196 54

Memorial Hall Maintenance

Appropriation		\$	600 00
Paid			
Winthrop H. Boyd, Janitor	\$	120 00	
Leroy C. Spinney, for thermostat		35 00	
Ralph Dwelly, for painting signs in basement		1 57	
Ralph Dwelly, for contract job on kitchen		104 46	
R. T. Quigley for 1 toilet seat		8 50	
R. T. Quigley, for broom and handle, light bulbs		6 90	
Worcester County Electric Co., for electricity		279 02	
C. Arthur Hanson, for tuning piano		5 00	
Ralph L. Downer, repairing light fixture		2 45	
Balance to Revenue		37 10	
	\$	600 00	\$ 600 00

Repairing the Entrance Hall and Stairway Leading to Memorial Hall

Appropriation		\$	500	00
Paid				
	Ralph W. Dwelly,			
	contract carpentering	\$	476	00
	Charles Giguere, painting		24	00
		\$	500	00
		\$	500	00

One-Fourth of Insurance on Old Town Hall

Appropriation		\$	27	50
Paid				
	Oakham Congregational Church	\$	27	50

Employees' Compensation Insurance

Appropriation		\$	450	00
Transferred from Selectmen's				
Reserve Fund				96 85
Paid				
	Frank A. Smith & Son	\$	546	85
		\$	546	85
		\$	546	85

Fire Insurance

Appropriation		\$	1,032	00
Refund				2 24
Paid				
	Frank A. Smith & Son,			
	on Memorial Hall Bldg.	\$	282	40
	I. E. Irish, Inc.		250	54
Balance to Revenue			501	30
		\$	1,034	24
		\$	1,034	24

Care of Town Common

Appropriation		\$	60	00
Transferred from Selectmen's				
Reserve Fund				16 15
Paid				
	Percy F Wilbur, Labor	\$	13	65
	Elizabeth Black, Labor		62	50
		\$	76	15
		\$	76	15

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Street Lights

Appropriation		\$	510	00
Paid				
Worcester County Electric Co.	\$	510	00	

Cemeteries

Appropriation		\$	400	00
Trust Funds			150	00
Paid				
Arthur Webb, mileage, telephone,				
record book and supplies	\$	23	42	
Leonard A. Hardy, labor		434	35	
Robert A. Hardy, labor		28	35	
Herbert Kennan, labor		2	30	
Adelard Mimeault, lawn mower				
service		11	00	
R. T. Quigley				
Wheelbarrow		23	50	
Grass shears		2	25	
2 Padlocks, V-Belt, Weedone		4	00	
Hedge Shears		3	15	
Pruner		8	90	
Walsh's Market, for aluminum paint		4	56	
Balance to Revenue		4	22	
	\$	550	00	\$ 550 00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests

Received from Bequest		\$	200	00
Paid				
Ware Savings Bank				
Trust Account	\$	200	00	

Board of Health

Appropriation		\$	50	00
Balance to Revenue	\$	50	00	

School Department

Appropriation		\$	21	700	00
Refunds				93	76
Paid					
On Selectmen's Warrants	\$	21,226	84		
Balance to Revenue		566	92		
	\$	21,793	76	\$ 21,793	76

Remodeling School Building

Balance January 1, 1952		\$	63 04
Refund, Rice & Gadaire			36 96
Paid			
Henry W. Urban,			
Balance of Contract	\$	100 00	
	\$	100 00	\$ 100 00

School Room Addition

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952		\$	2,923 70
Paid			
For Plumbing and Heating	\$	1,700 00	
For Painting		46 89	
For Furnishings & Installations		187 14	
For Wiring and Lighting		499 00	
For School Grounds		15 00	
Balance Forward		475 67	
	\$	2,923 70	\$ 2,923 70

School Lunch Fund

Balance, January 1, 1952		\$	40 53
Treasurer received from available funds			426 24
Paid			
For Milk	\$	376 04	
For straws, paper cups, stamps,			
envelopes		5 89	
Balance forward		84 84	
	\$	466 77	\$ 466 77

Veterans' Benefits & Administration

Appropriation		\$	500 00
Paid			
City of Worcester, Mass.,			
Veterans' Service	\$	10 00	
Mass. Veterans' Service - Dues		5 00	
Southern Worcester County Veterans'			
Service Agents' Ass'n.		2 00	
Mass. Veterans' Service Agent Ass'n.		5 00	
Balance to Revenue		478 00	
	\$	500 00	\$ 500 00

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Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$	3,000	00
Available Funds		429	38

Paid

On Selectmen's Warrants	\$	3,247	98
Treasurer paid without Warrants		181	40

\$	3,429	38	\$	3,429	38
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Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$	5,000	00
Available Funds		5,655	14
Transferred from E. & D.		3,000	00

Paid

On Selectmen's Warrants	\$	12,632	84
Treasurer paid without Warrants		1,022	30

\$	13,655	14	\$	13,655	14
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General Relief

Appropriation	\$	3,000	00
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Paid

As General Relief	\$	1,013	57
As Disability Assistance		1,052	82
Balance to Revenue		933	61

\$	3,000	00	\$	3,000	00
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Public Welfare - Administration Account

Balance January 1, 1952	\$	2,000	00
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Paid

Yvonne Barr, wages	\$	192	40
Yvonne Barr, mileage		31	85
Walter G. Chapman, wages		312	10
Walter G. Chapman, for Yale lock and 2 keys		3	34
Walter G. Chapman, for tickets and mileage		25	84

Paid

For Equipment and Supplies:			
1 Typewriter		137	50

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1 Desk and 3 Chairs	132 00		
3 Binders and 1 Punch	12 64		
Relative Reports	2 25		
Paid for Renovating and Decorating Room used as office in F. Lindstrom House:			
R. T. Quigley, Paint	\$ 30 56		
Furnace Grain & Coal Co., Sheetrock	1 68		
Edwin Carlson Co., Material	1 25		
Holden Hardware Co., Paint, Putty	8 47		
William F. Fullam & Co., Material	8 28		
Sears, Roebuck & Co., Inlaid Linoleum	28 77		
Finan's Express, Express on linoleum	1 90		
R. T. Quigley, Deck Paint	3 20		
Paid			
For Fuel Oil	52 27		
Conant & Parker for Telephone No. 33	1 36		
Richard W. Aspen, M.D., Professional Services	10 00		
Balance, 12-31-'52	1,002 34		
		\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00

Fobes Memorial Library

Appropriation		\$ 400 00	
Received from Dog Tax		227 84	
Received from Trust Fund		725 00	
Refund		2 25	
Paid			
On Selectmen's Warrants (See Library Report)	\$ 1,347 75		
Balance to Revenue	7 34		
		\$ 1,355 09	\$ 1,355 09

Fire Department

Appropriation		\$ 1,000 00	
Refund		5 59	
Paid			
On Selectmen's Warrants (See Fire Department Report)	\$ 999 29		
Balance to Revenue	6 30		
		\$ 1,005 59	\$ 1,005 59

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Civilian Defense

Appropriation		\$	25 00
Balance January 1, 1952			200 00
Balance Dec. 31, 1952	\$	225 00	
	\$	225 00	\$ 225 00

4-H Club — Girls' \$50 — Boys' \$50

Appropriation		\$	100 00
Paid			
On Selectmen's Warrants	\$	80 48	
Balance to Revenue		19 52	
	\$	100 00	\$ 100 00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		\$	100 00
Paid			
American Legion Post No. 378			
for wreaths	\$	7 55	
American Legion Post No. 378			
for Blank Cartridges		18 50	
Ladies' Benevolent Society, for use			
of gas stove and heater		2 00	
Etta M. Wilkins, 1 pt. cream, 1 qt.			
milk, coffee		2 00	
Marilyn Parsons, for service		1 00	
Gail Wells, for service		1 00	
Donald Agar, for 5 gals. ice cream		13 50	
Orton O. Butler, for Groceries,			
Napkins, Laundry		50 03	
Balance to Revenue		4 42	
	\$	100 00	\$ 100 00

Worcester County Retirement System - Withheld

Withheld from Employees		\$	356 42
Paid			
A. G. Lajoie, Treas.	\$	356 42	

Worcester County Retirement System - Town's Share

Appropriated Town Share, 1952		\$	678 90
Paid			
A. G. Lajoie, Treas.	\$	678 90	

TOWN OF OAKHAM

Federal Withholding Tax

Withheld from Employees		\$	2,287	76
Paid				
U. S. Internal Revenue	\$	2,287	76	

Maturing Debt

Appropriation		\$	3,500	00
Paid				
Worcester County Trust Co., for 4 Notes	\$	3,500	00	

Interest on Maturing Funded and Fixed Debt

Appropriation		\$	605	00
Paid				
Worcester County Trust Co.	\$	550	00	
Balance to Revenue			55	00
	\$	605	00	\$ 605 00

Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital

1952—Estimated Receipts		\$	732	50
1953—Estimated Receipts			130	86
Paid				
A. G. Lajoie:				
65% Basic Valuation	\$	691	27	
35% Because of Admittance			172	09
	\$	863	36	\$ 863 36

Mary Lincoln Alden Fund

Balance, January 1, 1952		\$	3,188	54
Paid				
On Selectmen's Warrants	\$	390	00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1952			2,798	54
	\$	3,188	54	\$ 3,188 54

Motor Vehicle Excise

Received from Motor Vehicle Revenue		\$	123	81
Paid				
Assessors' Abatements	\$	123	81	

Worcester County Tax Assessment

Estimated Receipts for 1952		\$	1,650	04
Paid				
A. G. Lajoie, Treasurer	\$	1,516	31	
Overestimate to Revenue			133	73
	\$	1,650	04	\$ 1,650 04

Dog Licenses

Received from Town Clerk		\$	265	20
Paid				
Alexander G. Lajoie, Treas.	\$	265	20	

State Audit of Accounts

Estimated Receipts—1952		\$	248	38
Estimated Receipts—1953			24	89
Paid				
The Treasurer of the Comm. of Mass.	\$	273	27	
	\$	273	27	\$ 273 27

Wild Cat Bounty

Reimbursement by County		\$	10	00
Paid				
Roger Lonergan, for 1 wild cat	\$	10	00	

Poll Tax Levy

Refund to Tax Collector		\$	1	70
Paid				
W. G. Chapman	\$	1	70	

Personal Property Tax Levy

Received from Estimated Receipts		\$	6	80
Paid				
On Assessors' Abatement	\$	6	80	

Real Estate Tax Levy

Received from Estimated Receipts		\$	272	00
Paid				
On 2 Assessors' Abatements	\$	272	00	

State Parks & Reservations

Estimated Receipts—1952	\$	70	52
Estimated Receipts—1953		5	22
Paid			
The Treasurer of the			
Comm. of Mass.	\$	75	74
	\$	75	74
	\$		75 74

Selectmen's Reserve Fund

Appropriation	\$	600	00
Transferred to			
Employees Insurance Acct.	\$	96	85
Care of Town Common - Acct.		16	15
Police Dept. - Acct.		36	00
Miscellaneous - Acct.		26	54
Balance to Revenue		424	46
	\$	600	00
	\$		600 00

HIGHWAYS**Chapter 81 Maintenance**

Appropriation	\$	1,100	00
State Allotment	\$	12,100	00
Paid			
Ronald Wilkins, Supt. - wages	\$	1,427	80
Ronald Wilkins, car rental		110	75
Employees Wages		3,244	75
Paid to Machinery Fund for Town			
Equipment:			
1948 Ford Truck		938	00
Bulldozer		54	00
Sander		6	00
Scraper		1	20
Paid for Outside Equipment:			
R. T. Young, truck		434	50
R. T. Young, shovel		835	20
Town of Hardwick, grader		612	00
Town of Hardwick, roller		29	75
Jamara Bros., truck & equipment		265	50
Mike DeMarco, truck		270	75
Mike DeMarco, tractor		52	00

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C. LaRose, grader	80 00
Blake Bros., truck and equipment	54 25
Town of Hubbardston, rake	8 00
William Zukus, mower and tractor	171 50
Other Trucks	725 00

Material purchased:

Stone Dust	\$ 42 31	
Gravel	519 20	
Cold Patch	221 98	
Screened Sand	22 10	
T4, T6, MC-3	2,650 57	
Chloride	252 00	
Cement Blocks	16 50	
Stop Signs, Sign posts	31 10	
Culvert, 5 guard posts	122 99	
Balance to Revenue	30	
	\$ 13,200 00	\$ 13,200 00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	\$ 1,400 00
State Allotment	1,400 00
County Allotment	1,400 00
Refund	174 59

Paid

Ronald Wilkins, Supt. - wages	\$ 309 40
Employees Wages	655 81

Paid to Machinery Fund for

Town Equipment:	
1948 Ford Truck	\$ 162 40
Sander	10 50

Paid for Outside Equipment:

Jamara Bros., Truck	\$ 152 00
Mike DeMarco, Truck & Tractor	277 00
Town of Hardwick,	
Broom and Roller	61 20
Blake Bros., Trucks and Loader	294 00
Town of Boylston, Hone	16 00
William Zukus, Mower	35 00
R. T. Young, Trailer	15 00

Material Purchased:

T-9, T-6, MC3, MC4	2,076 04	
Cold Patch	113 70	
½" Stone	123 92	
Lumber	9 28	
Street Sign, Sign Posts, Express	63 24	
Balance to Revenue	10	
	\$ 4,374 59	\$ 4,374 59

Chapter 90 - Construction

(Spencer Road and Bridge on Robinson Road)

Appropriation	\$ 3,000 00
County Allotment	3,000 00
State Allotment	6,000 00

Paid

Ronald Wilkins, Supt., wages	\$ 404 60
Employees Wages	760 59

Paid to Machinery Fund for Town

Equipment:

1948 For Truck	\$ 225 40
Bulldozer	117 00
Scraper	2 40

Paid for Outside Equipment:

R. T. Young shovel	\$ 595 20
R. T. Young, trailer	15 00
Mike DeMarco, truck	626 75
Blake Bros., trucks and loader	221 00
E. W. Sykes, Truck	140 00
Jamara Bros., Truck	150 00
C. LaRose, Grader	12 00
R. W. Wilkins, Grader	267 00
Town of Hubbardston, Rake	2 00
Town of Barre, Grader	152 62
H. Weeks, operator of Barre Grader	39 10
Town of Hardwick, Roller	51 00

Material Purchased:

Gravel	\$ 185 00
Cement Blocks, Grey Blocks,	
Concrete Blocks	28 60
1 Sq. 3 Flange CB Frame & Grate	34 65
Balance 12-31-53	7,970 09

\$ 12,000 00 \$ 12,000 00

Snow Removal & Sanding

Appropriation		\$ 4,000 00
Paid		
Ronald Wilkins, Supt., Wages	\$ 523 20	
Ronald Wilkins, Car Rental	40 25	
Employees Wages	862 85	
Paid to Machinery Fund for		
Town Equipment:		
1948 Ford Truck	614 60	
Plows	142 00	
Sander	23 00	
Bulldozer	1 50	
Paid for Outside Equipment:		
R. T. Young, Truck	520 00	
Jamara Bros., Truck	137 50	
Blake Bros., Truck	346 50	
Mike DeMarco, Truck	30 60	
Material Purchased:		
5 Plow Blades	231 46	
1 keg cross chains	102 31	
Cross chains, monkey links,		
small parts	39 20	
Screened Sand	230 10	
Welding Plow Frames	40 00	
Balance to Revenue	114 93	
	\$ 4,000 00	\$ 4,000 00

Machinery Account - Pur. & Main.

Transferred from Machinery Fund		
2-4-52	\$ 4,000 00	
Transferred from Machinery Fund		
9-3-52	1,500 00	
Paid		
Ronald Wilkins, Sup't.,		
wages and car	\$ 141 65	
Employees wages	303 75	
Insurance on Machinery, supplies		
and liability	188 91	
Lighting and Electricity	18 62	
Gasoline, Anti-freeze & Lubricants	1,008 16	

Labor and material on truck, snow plow, parts, etc.	367 67		
Rebuilt Eaton Axle for Truck	75 00		
Parts and Labor on Bulldozer	771 75		
Equipment	708 76		
Snow Fence and Freight	87 92		
General Maintenance, office supplies, dues	100 19		
Paid			
W. J. Makota for moving sand bin	245 53		
R. T. Young, Trailer to move sand bin	37 50		
Balance 12-31-52	1,444 59		
		\$ 5,500 00	\$ 5,500 00

Crawford Road

Appropriation		\$ 700 00	
Paid			
Ronald Wilkins, Supt., wages	\$ 12 80		
Employees, wages	64 65		
Paid to Machinery Fund for			
Town Equipment:			
1948 Ford Truck	10 50		
Sander	75		
Paid for Outside Equipment:			
R. T. Young, Shovel and Truck	26 75		
Jamara Bros., Truck and Sander	39 25		
Town of Hardwick, Roller & Grader	58 32		
Blake Bros., Trucks	38 38		
Mike DeMarco, Truck	6 37		
5 Other Truckers	53 13		
Material Purchased:			
T-4 and MC-3 from Koppers Co.	281 51		
Gravel from William Zukus	20 00		
Sand from Jamara Bros.	77 35		
Balance to Revenue	10 24		
		\$ 700 00	\$ 700 00

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Rutherford Road

Appropriation		\$	600	00
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Paid

Ronald Wilkins, Supt., wages	\$	19	20
Employees wages		82	20

Paid to Machinery Fund for

Town Equipment:

1948 Ford Truck and Sander		7	50
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Paid for Outside Equipment:

R. H. Young, Shovel, Truck and Trailer		50	70
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Jamara Bros., Truck and Sander		30	50
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Town of Hardwick, Roller and Grader		50	00
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Blake Bros., Trucks		22	75
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Mike DeMarco, Truck		12	75
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4 Other Truckers		51	50
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Material Purchased:

T-4 and MC-3 from Koppers Co., Inc.		270	58
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Sand from Jamara Bros.		1	95
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Balance to Revenue		37	
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\$	600	00	\$	600	00
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Scott Road

Appropriation		\$	800	00
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Paid

Ronald Wilkins, Supt., wages	\$	25	60
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Employes Wages		70	50
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Paid to Machinery Fund for

Town Equipment:

1948 Ford Truck and Sander		9	60
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Paid for Outside Equipment:

R. T. Young, Shovel and Truck		28	15
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Jamara Bros., Truck and Sander		49	00
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Town of Hardwick, Roller & Grader		17	73
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Blake Bros., Trucks		53	38
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Mike DeMarco, Truck		23	37
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5 Other Trucks	34 87		
Material Purchased:			
T-4 & MC-3 from Koppers Co., Inc.	421 40		
Gravel from William Zukus	14 50		
Sand from Jamara Bros.	41 60		
Balance to Revenue	10 30		
		\$ 800 00	\$ 800 00

Machinery Fund

Balance 1-1-52		\$ 4,215 20	
Received Machine Rentals from:			
Chapter 81-M		\$ 999 20	
Chapter 90-M		172 90	
Chapter 90 Construction		344 80	
Snow Removal and Sanding		781 10	
Special Roads, Crawford, Rutherford, Scott		28 35	
Transferred to Machinery Acct. 2-4-52	\$ 4,000 00		
Transferred to Machinery Acct. 9-3-52	1,500 00		
Balance 12-31-52	1,041 55		
		\$ 6,541 55	\$ 6,541 55

SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS

Warrant No.	Date of Warrant	
1	2-5-52	\$ 3,034 68
2	2-12-52	740 38
Spec. 3	2-15-52	1,668 47
4	2-19-52	232 73
5	2-26-52	1,982 67
6	3- 4-52	2,165 94
7	3-11-52	1,489 26
8	3-18-52	1,761 45
9	3-25-52	1,284 77

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	10	3-31-52	2,590	46
	11	4 -7-52	561	63
	12	4-14-52	2,588	10
Spec.	13	4-21-52	4,573	78
	14	4-21-52	845	82
	15	4-28-52	1,139	21
	16	5- 5-52	1,839	25
	17	5-12-52	2,463	92
	18	5-19-52	681	53
	19	5-26-52	2,328	50
	20	6- 2-52	2,306	37
	21A	6- 9-52	1,639	37
	21B	6 -9-52	15	00
	22	6-16-52	1,235	63
	23	6-23-52	2,661	70
	24	6-30-52	4,407	24
	25	7 -7-52	649	45
	26	7-14-52	3,591	79
Spec.	27	7-16-52	250	00
	28	7-21-52	1,931	91
	29	7-28-52	1,642	43
	30	8- 4-52	1,201	94
	31	8-11-52	2,506	72
	32	8-18-52	2,104	14
	33	8-25-52	1,426	55
	34	8 -1-52	1,406	35
	35	9- 8-52	415	10
	36	9-15-52	3,159	77
	37	9-22-52	1,116	96
	38	9-29-52	2,746	66
	39	10 -6-52	1,194	78
	40	10-13-52	5,805	52
	41	10-20-52	494	82
	42	10-27-52	1,059	89
	43	11- 3-52	1,557	14
	44	11-10-52	3,335	83
	45	11-17-52	1,116	46
	46	11-24-52	1,080	83
	47	12- 1-52	1,988	66

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48	12- 8-52	1,961 57
49	12-15-52	1,491 66
50	12-22-52	258 48
51	12-29-52	3,304 30
52	12-31-52	513 84
Total Selectmen's Warrants		\$95,551 36
Town Treasurer Paid without Warrants:		
From ADC Account	\$ 181 40	
From OAA Account	1,022 30	
Tax Title Revenue	28 25	
		\$ 1,231 95
		\$96,783 31

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. O'DONNELL, Chairman

WALTER E. COLE

HENRY W. STONE, JR.

Report of BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation		\$	50	00
Receipt - Camp License				50
Receipt - Permit to sell oleomargarine				50
Estimated Receipts	\$	1	00	
Balance to Revenue		50	00	
	\$	51	00	\$ 51 00

LICENSES ISSUED

- 1—Recreational Camp Renewal @ 50c
- 1—Permit to sell Oleomargarine @ 50c

MILK PERMITS (NO CHARGE)

- 1—Issued

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED

- 8—Mumps
- 1—Chicken Pox

WORCESTER COUNTY SANATORIUM

- 4—Outpatients
- 1—Hospitalization

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. STONE, Jr., Chairman

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

WALTER E. COLE

Report of
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Amounts paid Highway Employees for 1952

Wilkins, Ronald	\$ 2,859 00
Wilbur, Percy F.	2,181 10
Kennan, Edward H.	2,107 50
Dwelly, Norman	74 55
McDonald, George	273 00
Spielvogel, Harold	10 50
Bullard, Ralph	12 60
Wilbur, Richard	18 90
Riffenburg, Robert	176 70
Leno, Daniel	1,154 65
Priest, Carl	12 00
Mann, Ralph	13 80
Weeks, Harold	55 40
	\$ 8,949 70

RONALD W. WILKINS,

Superintendent of Streets

Report of FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 1,000 00
Refund from Lehigh Petroleum Corp.		5 59
		\$ 1,005 59
Truck Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 105 02	
Truck Ins., Frank A. Smith & Son	149 50	
Personal Comp. Ins., Frank A. Smith & Son	77 00	
Lehigh Petroleum Corp.	121 00	
Fuelite Natural Gas Corp.	75 43	
Labor, Fighting Fires	170 15	
North Brookfield Fire Dept.	36 25	
David Deane	238 40	
David Deane	17 54	
Adrian Bruso	8 40	
Unexpended Balance	6 30	
		\$ 1,005 59
Departmental Fees Turned over to Town Treasurer		\$ 27 50

PERMITS ISSUED

- 8 Oil Burner Installations
- 23 Fuel and Range Oil Storage
- 5 L. P. Gas Installation and Storage
- 1 Blasting

The Department answered calls for 6 Building Fires — 4 Grass and Brush Fires.

In October the Department made a survey of all known Oil Burner Installations in Town. The Chief and Wire Inspector have inspected power oil burners installed in 1952.

The department has made very sure that Installers of Power Oil Burning and L. P. Gas burning appliances have complied with State Laws and Regulations of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

In forcing such compliance the Department is concerned only for the safety of the lives and homes of Oakham residents.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD A. HARDY,

Chief, Oakham Fire Dept.

Report of LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

The year 1952 has been very pleasant.

I thank you for your hearty support of my every effort to make the library interesting and attractive.

I express my appreciation to the Janitor, for his help and good care of everything.

I thank the teachers for the interest and cooperation. If it were not for the children, the circulation would be very small. Being able to supply books that are desirable and interesting to the children is my greatest joy and satisfaction.

The Library building has been the meeting place for the P-TA Executive Council, the Oakham revised standard Bible Committee, and the "Historical Society," on several occasions during the year.

There were 3635 books in circulation of which 2836 were used by the children.

43 application cards were issued this year.

To date, there are 188 persons holding library cards.

35 new Adult books have been purchased.

118 books have been given. — Total 153 new books.

The Worcester Library Book Mobile was discontinued in July.

31 books have been borrowed from the Worcester Library.

113 were borrowed from the Boston Division.

We have entered the newly advised inter-library loan system, having loaned to the Sturbridge Library.

207 new children's books have been purchased, of which 79 were Basic Science series, 128 were for supplementary reading. 26 children's books have been gifts.

Total of 233 new children's books.

At the Grammar School Graduation in June, 14 honor reading certificates were awarded

Also in June, 75 children's books were borrowed for Summer reading.

25 children participated in the Reading Certificate Con-

test, in reading for pleasure, 10 of whom received certificates.

The following were awarded reading certificates during the year:

Valina Bechan, Joan Butler, Shirley Crawford, Vivian Crawford, Patricia Foley, Beverly Gallant, Leslie LaCount, John Lonergan, James Lonergan, Joan Nahkala, Tim Narrow, Maryln Parsons, Susan Parsons, Virginia Rutherford, Nancy Rutherford, Beverly Stone, Grace Wells, James Zelnia.

During seven weeks of summer vacation a "Story Hour" was conducted which 18 children up to 10 years of age attended.

In September, 15 books were borrowed from the Boston Division, and were displayed during book week and at a P-TA meeting, under the heading, "A Guide to Family Reading," an entertaining and educational collection, which proved to be uninteresting to the public.

The Grange, Congregational Church and the PTA furnished gift magazine subscriptions of their various orders.

There are 25 magazines on the reading table.

490 magazines were in circulation during the year.

The following people gave books to the Library:

Oakham American Legion Post 378.

Friends in loving memory of Mrs. Clara Lincoln.

Eva Allen, Mrs. Brown, Miss Mabel Conant, Miss Mary Conant, O. Harold Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane, Mrs. Marvel Mann, Mrs. Alice Malcolm, Mrs. Alfred Morse, Mr. and Mrs. John Neelley, Albert Parkman, Mr. A. A. Parker, Mrs. Grace Rood, Miss Shirley Rutherford, Mrs. Verno Tucker, Ralph Wells and Mrs. Lila Wilbur.

I am happy to report that this year the freshmen attending the different high schools have continued to find material for their needs at our library. I wish we might continue to be of service in the year to come.

I am grateful to everyone for their interest and support.

Sincerely,

MRS. LILA WILBUR, Librarian

Report of
VETERANS' AGENT

Appropriation		\$	500 00
Dues — Vet Agents Association	\$ 12 00		
City of Worcester (old bill)	10 00		
		\$	22 00
Balance		\$	478 00

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER E. COLE, Veterans' Agent

Report of TOWN AUDITOR

This is to certify that we have audited all bills approved by the Board of Selectmen, amounting to \$95,551.36, and paid by the Treasurer without warrants, \$1,231.95, totalling \$96,783.41 and found them correct.

ARTHUR WEBB, Auditor

MARY R. ARMS, Assistant Auditor

Report of OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the year ending December 31, 1952

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman	Term expires 1954
Mrs. Leone B. Daniels, Secretary	Term expires 1953
Mrs. Mary H. Parsons	Term expires 1955

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William H. Buker	Holden, Mass.
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. Addie P. Wentworth	Holden, Mass.

TEACHERS

Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes, Principal	Grades VI, VII, VIII
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Fisher	Grades III, IV, V (Resigned 3-31-52)
Mrs. Winifred B. Lane	Grades III, IV, V
Miss Helena K. Rutherford	Grades I, II

SUPERVISORS

Miss Ruth S. Innes	MUSIC
Gregory F. Bowes	ART
Rinehart Handwriting System	PENMANSHIP

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M.D.	Holden, Mass.
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SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, R.N.	Holden, Mass.
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CUSTODIAN

Winthrop H. Boyd	Oakham
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BUS DRIVERS

John O'Donnell	Leonard A. Hardy
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald Agar	Oakham
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

1952-1953

Fall Term	September 3, 1952 - December 23, 1952
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Winter term	January 5, 1953 - February 20, 1953
Spring term	March 2, 1953 - April 17, 1953
Summer term	April 27, 1953 - June 12, 1953

HOLIDAYS

October 13, 1952	Columbus Day
November 7, 1952	Teachers' Convention
November 11, 1952	Armistice Day
November 26 - December 1, 1952	Thanksgiving Recess
April 3, 1953	Good Friday

Report of SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oakham:

Herewith I present the annual school report, the fifty-third in the series.

This year we have been making educational progress. We have had a teaching staff well qualified to instruct our children and young people.

In April Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, teacher of Grades III, IV and V, resigned, having moved to Connecticut. Mrs. Winifred B. Lane, a local resident, was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Esther Hawkes and Miss Helena Rutherford complete the regular staff. The two supervisors, Miss Ruth Innes and Gregory F. Bowes have, each week, taught music and art. The Rinehart penmanship instruction is proving very worth while.

The School Committee has had monthly meetings with the Superintendent of Schools. At these meetings school procedures have been discussed.

Several parents have visited the school and assisted the teachers in constructive ways. The PTA has held its meetings in the school and has been very cooperative. The contributing of a record player by this organization will prove very beneficial.

The American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored dancing classes for the young people.

The Grange, the Legion and local church groups are making contributions toward educating the youth of the community.

It is gratifying to know that nearly all the graduates of the Oakham school are doing good work at North Brookfield and Holden High Schools.

We have recently given Standardized Achievement Tests in the upper grades. The results were very satisfactory as compared to the Norms of the Test.

In November the Union School Committee met and granted me the opportunity to accept the Superintendency of the Wachusett Regional High School. This will reduce the amount that Oakham will need to appropriate for the Superintendent's salary. I shall, however, endeavor to give as much time to the Oakham school as in the past.

The assistance the pupils and teachers have received from the librarian, Mrs. Lila Wilbur, adds much to the school educational program. Our pupils have done much more reading than formerly. Oakham is fortunate in having a library near the school.

The budget that the Committee is recommending is in line with towns similar to Oakham. The increase is due to the increased cost of tuitions and teachers' salaries. The amount we received from the State for transportation in 1951 was for two years, in 1952, only one year. Thus the net cost to the town for education the past year will be greater than the previous year.

I appreciate the help and cooperation that the Committee, teachers, the janitor, the town officials, organizations and citizens have given me.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,

Superintendent of School Union, No. 29

Report of the SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The school physician submits the following report for Oakham for 1952.

The annual physical examinations have been completed.

Immunization clinics were conducted last spring using Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid provided by the State. Clinics are being planned for this coming spring.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY E. MAYO, M.D.

Report of THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The physical examinations of the children in grades 1, 4, 7 have been completed by Dr. Mayo. The predominant defect was carious teeth. The parents are urged to have corrections made. Children with decayed and aching teeth can not do good school work.

Three diphtheria immunization clinics were held and 38 students were innoculated.

A pre-school clinic was held with the parents present. The purpose of this examination is to check the health of the child and to insure his best physical condition when he begins school. Any defects that are found should be remedied during the summer.

The annual vision test has been given and most of the defects have been corrected.

The testing of hearing for all school children has been completed. The children's hearing is tested by means of pure tone or descrete frequency audiometry. Pure tone testing may be briefly described as a determination of a child's ability to hear soft sounds at different pitches. It enables the tester to detect beginning hearing losses before they have advanced sufficiently to constitute an educational or social handicap to the child.

All contagious diseases must be reported to the Board of Health. School permits must be obtained before a child may be readmitted to school. Permits may be obtained either from the family physician or the Board of Health.

The health of a child in the school and community is important. A few suggestions are offered to the parents.

1. A child with a beginning cold should be kept home. Beginning symptoms of many communicable diseases include early signs of a cold. Prompt isolation from others may prevent spread.
2. Do not send a sick child to school.
3. Do not send a child to school who has been in pain or has been nauseated the night before.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has established the following regulation:

A child shall be examined by a physician six months before entering school or during the first year after entrance and at intervals of either three or four years.

Throughout the year routine work went on, such as home visits, personal interviews, weighing and measuring, inspections, first-aid, excluding sick children who either come to school ill or who becomes ill at school, planning and assisting the school physician in clinics.

Weighed and measured, 59; Feld visits, 12; Vision test, 69; hearing test, 72; Pupils excluded 4; Pupils re-admitted, 4.

I sincerely wish to thank everyone who has helped throughout the year to make my work pleasant and effective.

Respectfully submitted,

BRENDA T. SULLIVAN, R.N.

December 20, 1952

Report of THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Since singing is the universal medium of musical expression, the correct use of the singing voice in spontaneous song is considered in the schools.

Provision for independent reading is made with a readiness program in the primary grades and the application in the intermediate grades.

Appreciation of music is dependent upon contact with good music and upon training in musical judgment and discrimination. A record library available to all schools in the Union has been started and the individual schools have expressed their desire to supplement this supply. With one exception, each school in the Union has an adequate record player. Two are very recent acquisitions.

Throughout the program a linking up with daily life and a feeling of cooperation and service has been emphasized. It is hoped that through the youngsters' participation they have received an emotional lift.

Much credit is due the grade teachers upon whom the success of the music program is dependent.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. INNES

Report of THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The objectives of the Art program this year have been a variety of experiences in using different types of media, a variety of approaches to art problems and projects, and encouragement of self-expression in art work.

In the primary grades, the children, working mostly with crayons, occasionally with paints, colored construction paper, and an assortment of materials such as cloth, metallic paper, cotton, etc., have created pictures, designs and murals covering such varied subjects as games, activities around the school and community, holiday projects and decorations, and seasonal projects. The objectives of these lessons have been - use of color, design, organization of the paper and the fundamental shapes of houses, the human figure, trees, animals, automobiles and other familiar objects.

In the intermediate and Junior High School grades, water color is used, and many experiments and projects are worked out using this medium, so that the children will become competent in its use. Landscapes, figures engaged in various activities, the seasons and their related colors, color charts and analysis, perspective, and experiences with which children are familiar, are some of the problems that are considered and worked out. Again on these grade levels work is done with other materials, including colored paper, metallic paper, cotton, and a general exploration of the uses and possibilities of scrap and waste materials.

The cooperation of the classroom teachers, upon whom much depends for the success of such a program, has been very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY F. BOWES

Supervisor of Art

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS
June 1952

Grades	Total Mem.	Ave. Mem.	% Att.
I-II	24	22.79	91.74
III, IV, V	26	23.20	93.
VI, VII, VIII	23	22.25	93.67
Totals	73	68.24	92.8

ENROLLMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1952

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	5	7	4	2	5	4	3	1	31
Girls	7	5	6	4	5	2	5	4	38
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	12	12	10	6	10	6	8	5	69

SCHOOL CENSUS — October 1, 1952

	Boys	Girls	Total
5 to 7 years of age	8	9	17
7 to 16 years of age	31	38	69
	39	47	85

GRADUATES — June 1952

Oakham Center School

Valena N. Bechan	William J. Budreau
Paul R. Downer	Patricia E. Foley
Beverly A. Gallant	Marilyn Parsons
Virginia Rutherford	Grace E. Wells

TUITION PUPILS

Barre High School

Howard Bechan	Carol Riffenberg
Wesley Dwelly - transferred to North Brookfield High School	
Phyllis Bechan	
Mae Hardy - transferred to North Brookfield High School	
Edith Crawford - transferred to Holden High School	

North Brookfield High School

Virginia Foley	Betty Hardy
Virginia Rutherford	David Wells
Gail Wells	Grace Wells
Valena Bechan	William J. Budreau
Patricia Foley	

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Holden High School

Edith Crawford

Marilyn Parsons

Beverly Gallant

South High School

Joseph Miller

Worcester Boys' Trade High School

Ralph Dwelly

Richard Wilbur

Ralph Mann

Report of OAKHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 21,700 00	
Expenditures	21,226 84	

		\$ 473 16
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Expenditures	\$ 21,226 84	
Receipts	13,152 32	

		\$ 8,074 52
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Receipts:

General Fund, Chap.70	\$ 5,484 72	
Supt. Salary	280 83	
Transportation	6,936 77	
Tuition - Vocational	450 00	

		\$13,152 32
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Expenditures:

General Control:

School Committee Expense	\$ 12 51	
Superintendent's Salary and travel (Wm. H. Buker)	509 27	
Office Salaries	250 33	
Office Expense & Census	86 60	

		\$ 858 71
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Expense of Instruction:

Teachers:

Esther G. Hawkes	\$ 2,466 72	
Elizabeth Fisher	887 73	
Winifred B. Lane	1,405 30	
Helena K. Rutherford	2,266 39	

		\$ 7,026 14
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Supervisors:

Ruth S. Innes	\$ 239 83	
Gregory F. Bowes	273 19	
Rinehart Handwriting System	170 00	

		\$ 683 02
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Substitutes:

Mary G. Arms	\$ 16 00
Elsie J. Havens	160 00

	\$ 176 00
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Text Books	\$ 259 25
Supplies	435 79

	\$ 695 04
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\$ 8,580 20

Operations of School Plant:

Janitor's Salary	\$ 468 00
Janitor's Supplies	43 39
Fuel	708 82

	\$ 1,220 21
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Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs	\$ 287 09
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	\$ 287 09
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Auxiliary Agencies:

Health:

Brenda T. Sullivan, School Nurse	\$ 206 54
Dr. Leroy Mayo, School Physician	75 00
Supplies	5 75

	\$ 287 29
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Miscellaneous	44 92
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Tuition:

Town of Barre	\$ 1,230 92
Town of Holden	198 46
Town of North Brookfield	618 75
City of Worcester	660 89

	\$ 2,709 02
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Grade Transportation:

Leonard A. Hardy	\$ 3,800 00	
John O'Donnell	1,520 00	
High School Transportation	1,919 40	
	\$ 7,239 40	
		\$10,280 63

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD,

Chairman

MARY M. PARSONS

LEONE B. DANIELS, Secretary

School Committee

WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham in the County of Worcester:

GREETINGS:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall" on Monday, the second day of March next, at 12M at which time the polls will be opened and will be closed at 8 P.M.

Business meeting will open at 8 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose one Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the Welfare Board, one member of the School Committee, one Library Trustee, one member of the Cemetery Committee, all for three year terms; a Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, three Fence Viewers, and Moderator, for one year, all on one ballot.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended; 1 Town Clerk, 3 Selectmen, 3 Assessors, 3 Board of Public Welfare, 3 School Committee, 1 Moderator, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Treasurer, 1 Auditor, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and trucks in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer, Collector and Town Clerk.

Article 7. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the following town charges: SCHOOLS, PUBLIC WELFARE, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, TOWN OFFICERS' SUPPLIES, STREET LIGHTS, BOARD OF HEALTH, ELECTION AND REGISTRATION, INSPECTION OF ANIMALS, INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING, POLICE, PRINTING, MEMORIAL DAY, DOG OFFICER, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, MISCELLANEOUS, LIBRARY, CEMETERIES, FIRE DEPARTMENT, VETERANS' BENEFITS AND ADMINISTRATION, MOTH SUPPRESSION, DUTCH ELM DISEASE, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION INSURANCE, RESERVE FUND, FIRE INSURANCE, SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING, ROADS — CHAPTER 81, MEMORIAL HALL MAINTENANCE, TREE WARDEN, INSPECTION OF WIRES, EXPENSE OF WORCSTER COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CARE OF TOWN COMMON, AND 4-H CLUBS.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current fiscal year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenues of said financial year.

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate one quarter of the insurance on Old Town Hall.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to accept any trust funds that may be left for the care of cemeteries or other purposes.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available

funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways in anticipation of revenue from the State, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from their surplus revenue a sum of money to be used by the Board of Assessors in figuring the 1952 tax rate, same to help reduce the amount of the tax rate in 1952.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the improvement of Robinson Road, Chapter 90 Construction, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County or both for this purpose or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the Oakham Civilian Defense Organization or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money, same to be used in paying the notes of the town coming due in this fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to pay the accrued interest due in this fiscal year on its outstanding Funded and Fixed debt, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To hear the report of the committee relative to Oakham's joining a Union Health Department.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100 from the Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Appropriation Account. This money is to be used to develop new lots in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to prepare and oil a section of the Rutherford Road or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1200 to improve and oil a section of the Scott Road or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to help set up a hot lunch program in the Oakham Center School.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

WALTER E. COLE

HENRY W. STONE, JR.

Board of Selectmen

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